

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims reflects all claim amendments and replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application. Material to be inserted is in **bold and underline**, and material to be deleted is in ~~strikeout~~ and/or in [[double brackets]] if the deletion would be difficult to see.

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1-16. (Cancelled)

17. (Previously presented) A stacking column for holding warehouse items on the support arms of ratchet levers, which pivot around a rotational axis from a resting position into a working position, comprising a plurality of ratchet levers that are located above one another or next to one another and co-operate with one another, wherein the ratchet lever comprises a sheet metal blank, from which the supporting element is folded, or the supporting element also rests on the rotational axis as a separate part.

18. (Previously presented) The stacking column of claim 17, wherein the warehouse items comprise bodywork parts.

19. (Previously presented) The stacking column according to claim 17, comprising at least one control arm that is also folded from the sheet metal blank.

20. (Previously presented) The stacking column according to claim 19, comprising an upwardly projecting lateral cheek that is folded up from the control arm, abutting the rotational axis of the next ratchet lever in the working position.

21. (Previously presented) The stacking column according claim 17, wherein the supporting element forms a foot, to which a lateral bolt of the preceding ratchet lever is allocated.

22. (Previously presented) The stacking column according to claim 17, wherein the supporting element is positively joined with the ratchet lever.

23. (Previously presented) The stacking column according to claim 17, wherein the ratchet lever has a guide tongue for sliding on the supporting element.

24. (Previously presented) The stacking column according to claim 23, wherein the guide tongue is at least partially upwardly directed.

25. (Previously presented) The stacking column according to claim 23, wherein the guide tongue is at least partially curved.

26. (Withdrawn) The stacking column according to claim 17, comprising a latching device allocated to the uppermost ratchet lever, the latching device having a slider with at

least one bolt or the like passing through at least one parallel, curved elongated hole, wherein a bolt presses on the uppermost ratchet lever in the latching position.

27. (Withdrawn) The stacking column according to claim 26, wherein the slider can be fixed in place by means of a tie bolt in or outside the latching position.

28. (Previously presented) The stacking column according to claim 20, comprising a spacer ring with a selectable outer diameter that is placed in the area of the lateral cheek of the rotational axis.

29. (Withdrawn) The stacking column according to claim 17, comprising at least some ratchet levers that each has allocated to it a spring that moves the respective ratchet lever into the resting position.

30. (Withdrawn) The stacking column according to claim 29, wherein the springs are arranged on a spring rack.

31. (Previously presented) A method for manufacturing a ratchet lever for use in a stacking column for holding warehouse items on the support arms of ratchet levers, which pivot around a rotational axis from a resting position into a working position, wherein a plurality of ratchet levers are located above one another or next to one another and co-operate with one another, comprising providing a sheet metal blank with tongues to the respective sides of middle section between the support arm and a control arm, and

providing the tongues with a respective recess that extends partially into the middle section, wherein each tongue is bent in the area of the recess.

32. (Previously presented) The method of claim 31, wherein the warehouse items comprise bodywork parts.

33. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 31, wherein the support arm and/or the control arm is folded from the middle section.

34. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 31, further comprising folding a lateral cheek up from the control arm.

35. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 31, wherein at least one tongue that has projecting from it a supporting element integrally molded thereto.

36. (Previously presented) A stacking column for holding warehouse items on the support arms of ratchet levers, which pivot around a rotational axis from a resting position into a working position, comprising a plurality of ratchet levers that are located adjacent to one another and co-operate with one another, wherein the ratchet lever comprises a supporting element, wherein the ratchet lever and supporting element comprise a sheet metal blank from which the supporting element is folded, or the supporting element rests on the rotational axis as a separate part.